

December 1, 2017

Parent or Guardian of a Student at
Patrick Henry Elementary School
4250 North St. Louis Avenue

Re: Proposed Reassignment Boundary Change of Patrick Henry Elementary School and Theodore Roosevelt High School

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) is committed to providing every child from every community with a high quality education that prepares them for success in college and in life. CPS students continue to make record-breaking academic progress in every part of the city. Our vision is that all CPS schools can build on this progress by offering high quality, rigorous instruction from talented educators that help put Chicago students on a path to lasting success.

Patrick Henry Elementary School (Henry) is a Level 1 school, located at 4250 North St. Louis Avenue serving kindergarten through sixth grade, with a pre-kindergarten program. Parents, teachers and the Henry school community have proposed the reassignment boundary change through a letter dated October 25, 2017, signed by the Local School Council chairperson and the Principal of Henry, so that Henry can expand to offer seventh grade in the 2018-19 school year and eighth grade in the 2019-20 school year. Theodore Roosevelt High School (Roosevelt), located at 3436 West Wilson Avenue, currently serves grades seven through twelve.

In consideration of the request made from the Henry school community, I am proposing the reassignment boundary change of Henry and Roosevelt so that Henry can serve kindergarten through eighth grades and Roosevelt can serve ninth through twelfth grades by the school year 2019-20.

This proposal is consistent with the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions (Guidelines) because it is a proposal requested by parents or community members via the process to request proposals outlined in the Guidelines. Specifically, we have heard the request for this proposal from the Henry Local School Council. Furthermore, the resulting space utilization after the reassignment boundary change will not exceed any affected schools' enrollment efficiency range, as defined by the CPS' Space Utilization Standards.

If this proposal is approved by the Board of Education of the City of Chicago (Board), effective July 1, 2018, Henry will serve kindergarten through seventh grades and Roosevelt will serve eighth through twelfth grades. Further, effective July 1, 2019, Henry will serve kindergarten through eighth grades and Roosevelt will serve ninth through twelfth grades.

If you would like more details about the proposed reassignment boundary change, please refer to the Draft Transition Plan that is included with this letter.



As a next step, CPS will hold two community meetings and one public hearing to hear further feedback on CPS' proposal (meeting information is below). Following the meetings and hearing, the Board of Education may vote on this proposal as early as February of 2018.

Public Comment on this Proposal

I invite you to share your feedback on the proposed reassignment boundary change during the following two community meetings and one public hearing outlined below:

Community Meeting 1

January 10, 2018

6 to 8 p.m.

Helge A Haugan Elementary School
4540 North Hamlin Avenue

Community Meeting 2

January 17, 2018

6 to 8 p.m.

Patrick Henry Elementary School
4250 North St. Louis Avenue

Public Hearing

January 26, 2018

4:30 to 6 p.m.

CPS Central Office
42 West Madison Street

If you wish to comment at the community meetings or hearing, please adhere to the following procedures. You must sign up to speak on the day of, at the designated location, beginning one hour before the designated start time and ending 30 minutes after the start of the meeting or hearing. You will have two minutes to speak, unless the hearing officer or meeting organizer provides an extension. The hearing will conclude at the stated end time or following the comments of the last person who has signed up to speak, whichever occurs first.

Thank you in advance for your feedback as we work to provide all Chicago Public School students with the high quality education they deserve. After the community meetings and public hearing, I will review a written report from the hearing officer and at that time, I may recommend that the Board consider and approve this reassignment boundary change.

Further Questions and Concerns

All of this information can be found at CPS.edu/Transitions. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this proposal and the DRAFT Transition Plan, please email transitions@cps.edu or call Chicago Public Schools at (773) 553-1500.

Sincerely,

Forrest Claypool
Chief Executive Officer
Chicago Public Schools